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Beautification of Tourist Places
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated or proposed to formulate any plans for beautification of tourist places including historical places along with more infrastructural facilities all over the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the list of tourist places identified for this purpose, State-wise specially in Rajasthan; and
(d) the steps taken/being to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism has launched following two new plan schemes pursuant to the Budget 2014-15 announcements:

1) Swadesh Darshan for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits around Specific Themes.

Twelve theme based circuits i.e. North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Ramayana Circuit have been identified for development under "Swadesh Darshan".

2) National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to beautify and improve the amenities and infrastructure at pilgrimage centres of all faiths.

Under PRASAD, initially thirteen cities have been identified namely Ajmer, Amritsar, Amravati, Dwarka, Gaya, Kamakhaya, Kanchipuram, Kedarnath, Mathura, Patna, Puri, Varanasi and Velankanni.

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD schemes including for the State of Rajasthan during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given in Annexure.

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